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RFK REPORT - 6/16/76

FORMER D-A SPECIAL COUNSEL TOM KRANZ HAS TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ONLY LIMITED ACCESS TO LAPD'S S-U-S FILES WHICH DEAL WITH THE RFK MURDER. HE SAID THAT DURING HIS 4-MONTH STINT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, HE SAW MAINLY SUMMARY REPORTS AND VERY LITTLE RAW DATA, SUCH AS HANDWRITTEN NOTES. KRANZ SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT CUT OFF OR DENIED SPECIFICALLY, HIS ACCESS WAS LIMITED TO THE EXTENT OF WHAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN, AND THAT TURNED OUT TO BE MAINLY BALLISTICS DATA TO TRY AND ANSWER THE LINGERING QUESTION, 'WAS THERE A SECOND GUN?' FOR EXAMPLE, KRANZ POINTED OUT THAT NO ONE HAD EVER BROUGHT THE REPORT BY FBI AGENT GRINER TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH ONLY SURFACED THIS PAST WEEK. THE GRINER REPORT SEEMS TO INDICATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT TWO MORE BULLET HOLES WERE FOUND THAN COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM SIRHAN'S GUN.

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THIS REPORTER IS IN RECEIPT OF NEW DOCUMENTS HERETOFORE CLASSIFIED AND SURPRESSED, WHICH RAISE SERIOUS NEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSPIRACY IN THE RFK MURDER. AT APPROXIMATELY 2:47AM THE MORNING OF THE SHOOTING, I'VE LEARNED THAT LAPD POLICE UNIT 2A51 ARRIVED AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL WITH A MALE WITNESS WHO OFFICERS QUICKLY ADDUCED WAS A SUSPECT. THE MAN WAS HANDCUFFED AND QUICKLY SPIRITED TO RAMPART DIVISION POLICE HEADQUARTERS. SINCE SIRHAN SIRHAN HAD BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR ALMOST 2& 1/2 HOURS...WHO WAS THIS WITNESS TURNED SUSPECT...AND WHY?

I'VE ALSO LEARNED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 3AM THAT SAME MORNING, AGAIN, HOURS AFTER SIRHAN HAD BEEN IN CUSTODY, LOS ANGELES POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING A PRIME WITNESS IN ROOM #516 AT THE HOTEL. WHO WAS THE PRIME WITNESS AND WHY WAS HE NOT TRANSPORTED TO RAMPART DETECTIVES AS WERE OTHER CITIZENS FOR QUESTIONING?

ALSO INTERESTING AND SOMEWHAT ODD IS INFORMATION FROM SCOURCES AT THE SCENE THAT A COMMUNICATIONS BLACKOUT GRIPPED LAPD'S TWO MAJOR TACTICAL FREQUENCIES BETWEEN 2:30 AND 2:40AM THAT MORNING. WAS IT AN INNOCENT AND SIMPLE TECHNICAL BREAKDOWN, AND WHY HAS IT NEVER BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY POLICE?

AS POLITICS '76 THUNDERS ON AND INTO THE HOME STRETCH...DETAILS ON SUCH INFORMATION REMAINS LOCKED AWAY IN LAPD'S INTELLIGENCE FILES, FUELING CONTINUED SPECULATION OF A CONSPIRACY ON THAT CALIFORNIA PRIMARY MORNING 8 YEARS AGO.

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